

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An ~~[[improved]]~~ emulsifier system ~~[[for use in producing dehydrated starch ingredients wherein the emulsifier system comprises]]~~ comprising from 50 to about 99%, by weight, of a polyglycerol ester having a polyglycerol backbone of from 2 to about 10 glycerol units wherein not more than about 40% of the hydroxyl groups of the polyglycerol are esterified with fatty acids (hereafter "PGE").
2. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 wherein at least about 80% of the PGEs, by weight, have a polyglycerol backbone of from 2 to about 5 glycerol units.
3. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 wherein at least about 80% of the PGEs, by weight, have a polyglycerol backbone of 2 or 3 glycerol units.
4. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 wherein from about 20% to about 35% of the hydroxyl groups of the polyglycerol are esterified with fatty acids.
5. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 comprising PGEs wherein at least about 80% of the ester groups are derived from saturated fatty acids.
6. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 5 comprising PGEs wherein the ester groups are derived from one or more of C₁₄, C₁₆, C₁₈, C₂₀, and C₂₂ fatty acids.
7. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 wherein the emulsifier system contains not more than about 15% free polyglycerol.
8. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 comprising a material selected from the group consisting of 2-1-P, 2-1-S, 3-1-P, 3-1-S, 4-1-P, 4-1-S, and mixtures thereof.
9. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 further comprising monoglyceride.
10. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 further comprising a lecithin.
11. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 10 comprising from about 1% to about 25% lecithin, and from about 75% to about 99% PGE.
12. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 10 further comprising monoglyceride.

13-37. (Cancelled)

38. (New) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 comprising polyglycerol monoesters having a polyglycerol backbone of from 2 to about 10 glycerol units, wherein at least about 40%, by weight, of the polyglycerol monoesters are diglycerol monoesters.

39. (New) An emulsifier system of Claim 38 wherein at least about 75%, by weight, of the polyglycerol monoesters are comprised of one or more of 2-1-S, 2-1-P and 2-1-IM.

40. (New) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 comprising polyglycerol monoesters having a polyglycerol backbone of from 2 to about 10 glycerol units, wherein at least about 40%, by weight, of the polyglycerol monoesters are di-triglycerol monoesters.

41. (New) An emulsifier system of Claim 40, wherein at least about 75%, by weight, of the polyglycerol monoesters are di-triglycerol monoesters.